



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

Hillview Middle School

Menlo Park, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 20, 2011 – FEBRUARY 24, 2011

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Menlo Park City School District invite you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the modernization and expansion of the Hillview Middle School (HMS), located at 1100 Elder Avenue in Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California.

The draft RAW describes the investigation, the contamination discovered, and the cleanup alternative for removing contaminated soil. Environmental investigations indicated portions of 9.36-acre HMS campus had soil with elevated levels of chlordane. The soil contamination stems from Chlordane-based termiticide (termite insecticides) typically applied to soil around the foundation of the structures. In 1988, the United States Environmental Protection Agency banned the use of chlordane.

The recommended cleanup alternative proposes excavation and removal of approximately 153-cubic yards (about 12 truckloads) of chlordane-impacted soil and disposal off-site at a permitted disposal facility. Pending waste characterization sampling and an acceptance notice from a permitted disposal facility, the excavated soil will be stockpiled onsite.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT-NOTICE OF EXEMPTION: DTSC evaluated the draft RAW for any possible impacts to the environment and public health, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that this removal action will not have significant impacts on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? DTSC encourages you to take the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide your comments regarding the draft RAW during the public comment period, which runs from **January 20, 2011 through February 24, 2011**. Send to Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826 or by e-mail JLuevano@dtsc.ca.gov. All comments must be postmarked or received by **February 24, 2011**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? The draft RAW, NOE, and other site related documents are available for review at:

Bell Haven Library
413 Ivy Drive
Menlo Park, California 954025
(650) 330-2540

Menlo Park City School District
181 Encinal Avenue
Atherton, California 94027
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Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3758

You can also review information on DTSC's EnviroStor website. Visit <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>, type in "**Menlo Park**" for the City then "**Get Report**," find "**Hillview Middle School**," then click on the "**Report**" link next to the Site.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please contact one of the staff listed below for questions regarding the Site.

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